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Dear Mr. Landau, IPS

My interest in the Castro transcript is for a book researched years ago on JFK's policies, particularly on the Cuba Missle Crisis.

Often I have regretted laying this work aside. There is now no likelihood that I will return to it soon because of other work on which I am and have been engaged.

While I'd be interested in reading the transcript whenever I might be able to and to see the uncut footage, this is interest,not present need. I'd be glad to commit myself not to use anything in any way until whenever you or your associates might stipulate because there is no prospect that I can complete what I'm actively working on until you have the film out.

I say "see" and "uncut" although I do not understand Spanish because I am satisfied that the JFK assassination was a major blow to Castro and I'd like to see his expressions. The radical right, including peripheral Watergate figures, spread the line that Castro was responsible for the JFK assassination. One of the major immediate diversions of FBI manpower was to trace down these largely revanchist Cuban inventions. Well, Fiorini/Sturgis was not peripheral.

Of course if Castro said anything at all about this or any other political assassinations, that would interest me enormously.

I would also like to have a full transcript in my files for their future archival value. A State historical society and a college have already asked for them. Much Cuban material is already included.

Knowing nothing about your content, I can only tell you my basic purpose. Much could be very interesting that might well be cut if he went into those things. Like his interview with Jean Daniel, with whom he was when he was told of the JFK assassination. Or his accounts of attempts to kill him.

There is virtually nothing he could have said about the Missle Crisis that I would not want to be able to consider and to quote.

This reminds me' if you agree, would you please be certain the manner in which quotes should be credited is indicated?

Marc, Richard and others at IPS are familiar with my work and views.

Thanks,

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